GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:165
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REMOVING OF SILT FROM THE DURGAPUR BARRAGE
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge accumulation of silt and sand at Durgapur Barrage at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to remove the silt and sand from the Durgapur Barrage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) During the Damodar Valley Regulation Committee (DVRRC) meeting held on 03.07.2002 at Kolkata, the then Superintending Engineer (DIC), Irrigation & Waterways Department, Burdwan intimated that the present capacity of the Durgapur Barrage Pond has reduced from 6000 acre feet to just 2500 acre feet due to accumulation of silt and sand. It is mainly due to excessive sediment flow from catchment area into river Damodar which gets trapped in the Pond area. In addition, the number of coal washeries in the catchment of river Damaodar add to the sediment load.

(c) During the last Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee (DVRRC) meeting held on 23-07-2008, the representative of Irrigation and Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal informed that Expression of Interest (EOI) had been invited by them from domestic and International bidders for desiltation of Durgapur barrage pond and however, the response on the same has not been encouraging.